

Dear FCC:

One purpose of maintaining competition in the broadband marketplace is to maintain high levels of service and competitive pricing. Unfortunately, broadband DSL service is usually offered through fixed assets (telephone lines), a natural monopoly, owned by one company that typically offers its own Internet connectivity service (e.g. SBC, Bellsouth, etc.). If the FCC grants these owners of fixed assets the privilege of setting arbitrary pricing on DSL services to be resold through third parties or of not reselling DSL services through third parties, monopolistic business practices will occur: competition will be driven from the marketplace through excessive pricing of resold DSL services, pricing to end users will increase and quality of service will decrease. This will not benefit consumers.

Please maintain the current FCC rules that require broadband providers to resell DSL services at regulated pricing.

Thank you.